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SUB: ACHEAMPONG'S MESSAGE TO CALLAGHAN ON RHODESIA

1. GHANANIAN PRESS REPORTED ON DEC 18 THAT HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG IN A MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN HAS ASKED TH UK TO ENSURE THAT ANY FORM OF TRANSITIONIAL ADMINISTRATION SET UP IN RHODESIA WILL LEAD TO THE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF POLITICAL POWER TO THE BLACK MAJORITY. MESSAGE SAID GOG CONVINCED UK HAS LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS IN RHODESIA AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN GENEVA SUGGEST "CERTAIN EXTERNAL INTERESTS ARE BEING FAVORABLY CONSIDERED AND PROTECTED TO THE DETRIMENTS OF THOSE OF THE BLACK MAJORITY." ACHEAMPONG NOTED GOG IS MINDFUL OF SMITH'S DESIRE TO GUARANTEE WELFARE OF WHITE MINORITY BUT HOPED SUCH GUARANTEES WOULD NOT CREATE A SPECIAL CLASS OF RHODESIAN CITIZENS. CALLING ON UK TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE TO ENSURE GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD REACH MAJOR DECISIONS WHEN IT RECONVENES IN JANUARY, ACHEAMPONG WARNED THAT FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE TO DO SO WOULD HARDEN BARGAINING POSITIONS OF ALL FACTIONS AND WOULD RISK DANGER OF TOTAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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2. COMMENT: GOG COUNTINUES TO BE EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN RHODESIAN AND OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES BUT IS UNLIKELY TO MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR SOLUTIONS BEYOND PIOUS EXHORTATIONS.
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